(d) the current waiting list to date for telephone connections in Jaipur/Bhadrak in Orissa and by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The number of computerised trunk telephone exchanges functioning in Rajasthan and Orissa are 2 (two) and 1 (one) respectively.

(b) There is no proposal to start such exchanges in the State of Rajasthan and Orissa during the current financial year.

(c) The telephone exchanges expanded during 2000-2001 in Rajasthan are 103 and capacity expanded is 304686 lines. In Orissa 128 exchanges were expanded and capacity expanded is 131950 lines. The proposed expansion in Rajasthan and Orissa during 2001-2002 are 300000 and 135000 lines respectively.

(d) The current waiting list as on 31-7-2001 for telephone connection in Jaipur (Rajasthan) and Bhadrak (Orissa) are 13037 and 250 respectively. The waiting list is likely to be cleared by the end of the current financial year.

Misuse of STD/ISD facilities in various Government Departments

3100. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that expenditure on telephones with STD/ ISD facility provided to officers in various Ministries/Departments has shown abnormal increase over the period of time; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to check the misuse of this facility and the resultant wasteful expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The information regarding expenditure on telephones with STD/ISD facility provided to officers of different Ministries/Departments is available only with respective Ministries/Departments. Telephones provided to officers of Department of Telecom for their official use for rendering service are not billed.